

SHARKEY - SURE HE MIGHT GET WORK BREAKING THE ICE ON THE RIVER.

HOW ABOUT THE BRITT-GANS GO

Question the Fight Fans Are Asking.

WHY Does Not Look Good to Conservative Fistic Followers on Paper.

Can "Darkey Joe" Make 133 Pounds Without Making Himself an Invalid?

The Britt-Gans match scheduled for October 31 in San Francisco is one that furnishes more phases for discussion than any ring engagement that has been made for several years. Conservative fight writers and followers of boxing look askance at the affair and are skeptical of a victorious result, and in viewing the match from all conceivable angles in an unprejudiced light one can but admit that there is ample food for serious thought.

In the first place Gans has signed articles calling for a weight of 133 pounds to be made at the ringside, and further that the principals be in the ring ready to receive the going ten minutes after weighing or forfeit \$100 for each following minute. On the face of it that phase appears to be a clever piece of cast-iron matchmaking on the part of Britt.

The division of the money gives the Californian much more than Al Herford, manager for Gans, has ever conceded to any other pugilist in a match, with one of his fighters. According to the articles of agreement Britt, if he wins, is to receive 5 per cent of the fighters' division of the gate receipts, he is to receive 50 per cent of the contest results in a draw, and if Britt is declared loser he will receive the same amount. This is certainly an unusual purse division for Gans to concede.

Officials have not yet accepted the report that Gans positively can make the weight. He has refused for years to weigh less than 135 pounds in a mill. Quite recently he was matched with Joe Walcott, and the men weighed 145 pounds, according to agreement, in San Francisco before the fight. At the time Gans signed the articles he stated that he had agreed to meet Walcott at that weight because he was no longer a light-weight, and admitted that he had outgrown the class in which he had won the title of champion from Frank Rice.

Immediately after this contest he challenged the world to fight at 133 pounds, and his offer was accepted by Jimmy Britt. If Gans could not make the weight limit a month ago it is reasonable to presume that he cannot do so now. Yet he has posted a substantial forfeit. It is he will weigh 133 pounds for Britt.

Britt appears to have everything arranged to his liking, and under the existing conditions one is not to be surprised by calling to mind the sensational fake in which Gans figured with Terry McGovern when boxing was in its zenith in Chicago in the days of Tattersall bouts. At that time Gans made a ridiculously low weight for McGovern and to all intents and purposes laid down to the then feather-weight champion.

Other writers have called attention to the changed attitude of Father Britt, who, when he heard that his son had accepted the colored man's challenge declared that he would rather see his son in his grave rather than permit Jimmie to fight a negro. The old gentleman became suddenly quiet and the match was made, and he has given no statement regarding his change of heart.

Britt Is a Favorite Son.

Another point that gives rise to dubious misgivings of unprejudiced fight followers from a distance is a well-based belief that Britt cannot lose to a colored man in his native city except by a knockout, and even then a sleep producer might be called a foul.

Gans has nothing to lose if defeated. As in his fracas with McGovern he can say that he was greatly weakened by the great efforts made necessary to reach the low weight.

Newspaper reports from San Francisco say that Gans will easily make 133 pounds in good faith and the principals may fulfill their parts to the letter, the conditions herein related are sufficient to cause the wise to hesitate before wagering on the outcome.

Frankie Nell's pompous invasion of England came to an abrupt ending in London Monday night, when Joe Bowker, English bantam-weight champion, defeated the American champion of the same division. For nine rounds Nell swung hooked, jabbed and punched as he has in his contests in this country, and in that time he failed to stow away his fatted opponent. In his wild hurricane method of fighting he fought himself completely out in the first half of the battle, so that he had nothing in reserve to carry him through the more trying second half. He was therefore decisively outpointed.

It is generally so with the Nell type of fighters. Unless they land their man in a hurry they are more than liable to be landed before the contest terminates.

According to press reports Jabez White of London and Young Corbett have been matched to battle in London about the first of the year. From what is known of White on this side of the Atlantic, Corbett should be returned winner. Should

JACK JOHNSON COULD GET A JOB AS A LIGHT-HOUSE. HUH?



AND J. NATHANIEL WALCOTT MIGHT HIRE HIMSELF OUT AS A BOWLING BALL

JEFF COULD GO IN THE SNOW PLOW BUSINESS

HINTS TO THE STAR KNUCKLE-PUSHERS FOR WINTER JOBS.

For Purer School Athletics.

At this time of the year when the eligibility of prominent members of the larger university football squads is a subject much in evidence, it is interesting to find the preparatory schools in and near New York making an effort, that might well be imitated by the larger and older institutions of learning, to purify athletic sports. The agreement made by the Schoolmasters' association of New York and vicinity was prepared by the athletic council of this body with a view to improving the standard of secondary school athletics. Practically all of the bigger preparatory schools in the vicinity of New York city signed this agreement, which was in substance as follows:

"Resolved, That attendance of one full month shall be required of all pupils, and only those pupils who maintain a grade scholarship which will entitle them to promotion, if continued without improvement, shall be entitled to represent the school in athletics; that no pupil who has reached the age of 20 shall be eligible to represent the school in any branch of athletics; that no pupil who is a graduate of a four-year, secondary school course shall be eligible to represent the school; that only those pupils who are taking full work in a regular course shall be eligible to represent the school. That no pupil under penalty of discipline in his school shall be eligible to represent such school; that only such pupils who are in good standing as amateurs shall be eligible to represent the school.

Bobby Walther Beaten at Last.

Bobby Walther, the star member of the Columbia racing team, has at last met defeat on the foreign tracks, but it was because of a punctured tire on one of his racing machines, and the subsequent poor working of the substitute machine that was put out to pace him. It was in the 100 kilometer championship race at Leipzig, and some 30,000 Germans saw their man, Robi, win first honors. Walther has beaten Robi any number of times and in a letter to a friend says he will do it again when next they meet.

Race Tracks Make Many Embezzlers

Richard Canfield Speaks Plainly to a New York Poolseller and Defends Himself.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—For the first time within the recollection of any of his friends, Richard Canfield lost his temper early yesterday morning.

The man he addressed owns a large amount of stock in one of the race tracks near New York, and has for several years been prominently identified with its management, holding a responsible executive position. He had taunted Canfield with an allusion to the Reginald Vanderbilt affair, and in retaliation the gambler scathingly retorted in a manner that did not permit an answer.

Hot Words in Delmonico's.

Richard Canfield, accompanied by three others, entered Delmonico's cafe early yesterday morning. Two of the party were men who have been identified with Canfield through their personal relations, but have never had any connection with his gambling schemes. The fourth member of the party was the man whose influence as a race track official is as great in its way as Canfield's in the world of the card and rolling ball.

The conversation had proceeded quietly for some time, when the racing official made an unpleasant comment upon Canfield's action in taking nearly half a million dollars from Reginald Vanderbilt.

"After having taken his money from him, I regard your action in keeping the kid, Vanderbilt, out of New York as an outrage," said the racing man, indignantly.

Canfield had been speaking quietly and without trace of anger or emotion of any sort. He had preserved the calm

for which he has always been noted, but there was a bitter and vindictive note in his voice as he said:

"I have done nothing and am doing nothing to keep Reginald Vanderbilt out of New York. He isn't keeping away, as a matter of fact. He comes here as often as he cares. And now as to some other things you have said. You have been unhampered and unrestrained in your comment upon me and upon my methods. Now let me tell you a few things and draw a few comparisons."

"No man was ever made an embezzler through gambling in my place. No man ever stole from his employer to play against my wheel or stake on my layouts. No sorrowing mothers have ever gone to their graves because I keep a gambling-house. The men who bet with me can afford to lose the money they venture."

"What can you say for your race track game? Your race track game, have broken, more hearts, ruined more homes, sent more boys and young men to the penitentiary than any other agency permitted by law to exist in this country."

CURTIS A GREAT TACKLE.

Yost's Pupil Is Almost Certain of a Place on All-American Eleven.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 29.—Michigan has one man besides Heston who is sure of a place on the All-Western eleven this fall. He is Curtis, the most remarkable big man in the entire West. Curtis is not quite so heavy as half a dozen other football players, as he is the rarest combination of good things that Yost ever had on a Michigan team. Curtis went through all last season without once having "time out." That is, he was not only not injured, but he never had the wind knocked out of his huge frame.

This is Curtis's official record, but there is also another record, a private history of last year, known only by his personal friends. Game after game he played with a broken nose. But so strong was his nerve that even the other members of his own team did not know of the injury. This is the kind of grit that propels Curtis's 240 pounds about the gridiron.

The marvel is not his grit, however, but the speed with which he goes. There are probably not over half a dozen of Yost's fleetest-footed runners who can beat Curtis on a sprint. A man who goes at this rate and weighs 240 pounds is a tackle about as effective as a Krupp gun anchored in that position.

Curtis's build is unlike that of any other man of his weight at Michigan. He has no fat, neither does he carry the weight in big rangy bones. He is built as smooth and trim as a ballet dancer. If a dancer, who was taller than ordinary, were modeled in rubber, and this effigy inflated with gas enough to raise a balloon, the result would be about Curtis's size and build. He is simply big. That is the only word that 400 keen-witted students have been able to coin to express the situation.

Scores the Race Tracks.

A man can bet 50 cents at the race track. Boys working for a salary of \$7 a week can become gamblers through the betting ring, and the poolrooms made possible by your race track."

Canfield was white with rage, and trembled with anger. His voice rose until it filled the room. The man who had excited his wrath was pale from another cause and looked at Canfield almost pleadingly.

"There is no occasion to get angry," he said. "I did not want to hurt your feelings. You know I lost \$1000 in one night in your place and you know I paid the money."

"Of course, you paid the money," cried Canfield, springing to his feet and smashing his fist upon the table. "Why did you pay? Because you knew that I would have paid you if you had won. You needn't bring that up, you mean, miserable, criminal-looking whelp."

At that moment a waiter entered the room and turned out the lights and the affair ended for the time.

Can Drive in Grant County.

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Wolverines and Gophers May Meet

President Francis of Louisiana Purchase Exposition Negotiating for the Contest.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Michigan and Minnesota may get together this year after all. President Francis of the Louisiana Purchase exposition has taken the matter up and is endeavoring to have these great rivals arrange a game to be played in the stadium at St. Louis after the regular schedules have been played through.

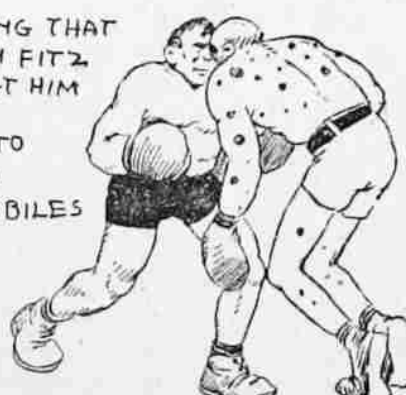
Dispatches from Minneapolis last night told that President Northrup of Minnesota had received a telegram from President Francis inviting the Gophers to meet the Wolverines at St. Louis in a game to decide the championship. Edward O. Wild, representing the exposition, is in Minneapolis using personal persuasion to back up the invitation from St. Louis. A similar invitation has been sent President Angell of Michigan.

The powers that be at both institutions are wary in expressing themselves concerning the invitations. From Michigan comes the word that the game will not be considered until the regular schedule has been played through. This is the proper attitude. It is useless to talk now of a game between Minnesota and Michigan to decide the championship. Michigan has yet to win from Wisconsin and Chicago, and Minnesota must defeat Nebraska, Wisconsin, Northwestern and Iowa before lay claim to championship honors. Doubtless Minnesota and Michigan on paper the two strongest teams West just now, but no football ever won until it is played. A score marked up. As a game between Minnesota and Michigan would not be much of a drawing card at St. Louis unless it really were for the undisputed championship of the West, it is unlikely that either Michigan or Minnesota will have anything definite to say on the proposition until they have played through their schedules.

Every follower of the game in the West hopes to see the game arranged, provided the two teams finish the season with clean records. The tie game last year was unsatisfactory and the rosters have been calling all season on the respective managers to get together, forget the ill-feeling engendered last October, and arrange a contest. There is no good reason why the two teams should not get together, play a clean game of football and accept the issue, whatever it may be, without mud-throwing. All season Minnesota has shown greater willingness than Michigan to arrange for the fray. In many quarters there is a well-founded belief that Michigan prefers to avoid the issue. Even Michigan alumni in Chicago have been heard to accuse the present Ann Arbor management of fear of a meeting with Williams and his giants.

Against Wisconsin Saturday Michigan will send the heaviest team ever seen in the West. A glance at the weight of the Michigan eleven this year is enough to cause all rivals of the maize and blue to quake with fear. It is said the Michigan varsity Saturday will average close to 200 pounds.

LANDING THAT LEFT ON FITZ BROUGHT HIM ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY 10 AUTOMOBILES



A JEWEL BOX CONTAINING \$150,000 WOULD BE CLOSELY GUARDED BUT JEFF'S HANDS WHICH HAVE WON HIM THAT AMOUNT. WELL - HE NEVER THINKS OF THEM.



THE LEFT HAND ON THE JAW WHICH PRACTICALLY BEAT JIM CORBETT TWICE AND NETTED JEFFRIES AS MUCH MONEY AS HAMBURG THE FAMOUS RACER WAS SOLD FOR

CHAMPION JEFFRIES' MIGHTY LEFT AND THE USES TO WHICH IT HAS BEEN PUT IN EARNING A FORTUNE FOR ITS OWNER.